

File as amended. Signed Senator DeCamp, Chairman. Mr. President, notice of committee hearings, signed by Senator Savare. Mr. President, one new bill, LB 389A introduced by Senator Maxey of the 46th District. Read title. (See page 504, Journal.) That is all, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maxey, your group left but we will announce them anyway. In the South balcony, there were 30 4th grade students from Belmont Grade School and that is in Senator Maxey's District. I am sorry but the last matter was so important that we couldn't break in.

CLERK: Mr. President, motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: Read motion. (See page 504, Journal.) Signed Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, and I have discussed this with some of you and at least two I know have changed their minds on it. This is a measure which has been discussed and the reasons for it are known so I won't engage in a discussion of the issue. I ask that you return the bill and raise the speed limit to 60 miles an hour, and just one point that I will make. During all of the discussions and the efforts in this regard, nothing from the Executive Office has come out to warn the Legislature about loss of funds or any other thing. So there is no problem other than in the imagination. I move that we return LB 256 to Select File for the adoption of that specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: I would like to start my discussion by saying that when we were much younger than most of us are now we learned some little axioms and lessons that we long remember. One of them was, if you don't succeed, try, try again and I think Senator Chambers has learned this real well. I learned another one and it was this, you can't correct your wrong by another wrong. Now while some of us may admit that there are some features of the speed limit bill today that maybe ought to be reviewed. I am not going to make a long speech but I do want to call the Legislature's attention to the Federal Law 23, section 154, which says this. In my opinion, the Commissioner has no alternative except to enforce the law because this is the language in 154. "The Secretary of Transportation shall not approve any project under section 106 in any state which has the maximum speed limit on any public highway within its jurisdiction in excess of 55 miles per hour." So be it, and I would like to call your attention to this. And this is serious. I think we can safely assume that the nation is going to face a crisis, an energy crisis, at least two times a year for sometime to come in the next few years. This will consist of a shortage of energy fuels during the heating season followed by a somewhat of a type of crisis during the harvest and the growing season in this, our agricultural state. At this time, we are creating an extreme scarcity, especially of diesel fuel, by diverting crude oil to heating fuels. Now let me give you one example. The University of Nebraska has been off